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Trump allies guilty

In win for Mueller, Manafort convicted on 8 counts

By Matthew Barakat, Chad Day and Eric Tucker
The Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Paul Manafort, the longtime political operative who for months led



Manafort Donald Trump's successful presidential campaign, was found guilty of eight financial crimes Tuesday in the first trial victory of the special counsel investigation into the president's associates.

A judge declared a mistrial on 10 other counts that the jury could not agree on.

The jury returned the decision after deliberating four days on tax and bank-fraud charges against Manafort, who led Trump's election effort

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Michael Cohen leaves federal court in Manhattan on Tuesday after pleading guilty to charges including campaign-finance fraud stemming from hush-money payments to porn actress Stormy Daniels and ex-Playboy model Karen McDougal. [MARY ALTAFFER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS]

President's fix-it man ties him to hush money

By William K. Rashbaum, Maggie Haberman, Ben Protess and Jim Rutenberg
The New York Times

NEW YORK — Michael Cohen, President Donald Trump's former fixer, made the extraordinary admission in court Tuesday that he had arranged payments to two women at Trump's behest to secure their silence about affairs they said they had with him.

Cohen acknowledged the illegal payments while pleading guilty to breaking campaign-finance laws and other crimes. He told a judge in U.S. District Court in Manhattan that the payments to the women were "at the direction of the candidate" and "for the principal purpose of influencing the election" for president in 2016.

Cohen, 51, also pleaded guilty to multiple counts of tax evasion and bank fraud, bringing to a close

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Report, Kasich tout benefits of Medicaid expansion in Ohio

By Catherine Candisky
The Columbus Dispatch

Down to his final months in office, Gov. John Kasich sought Tuesday to shore up support for his signature Medicaid expansion, arguing that the health coverage has helped thousands of Ohioans get needed care at a

reasonable cost.

"It is affordable now, (but) if the federal government plays games and tries to put us in a perilous fiscal position, we will have to change this position on Medicaid expansion. There is no way that we can put our state deep in the hole and wreck economic development and

more prosperity," Kasich warned at a news conference in Columbus.

While the federal government pays 63 percent of traditional Medicaid costs, the federal match is 93.5 percent for expansion costs, phasing down to 90 percent in 2021. But there are ongoing rumblings that Ohio

lawmakers and Washington Republicans could try to dismantle the four-year-old program as financially unsustainable.

"Medicaid expansion is manageable and affordable now and into the future — \$163 million allows us to

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